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5 The present invention relates to the use of certain phthalocyanines as vat dyestuffs.

10 The phthalocyanines which are distinguished by clear shades and excellent fastness properties have been used for pigmenting, as substantive dyestuffs and as dyestuffs for lake-making. In British Specification No. 322,169 some indications are given of phthalocyanines being suitable for dyeing from the vat. These indications refer both to unsulphonated and sulphonated products, specific mention being made of the copper, nickel and iron complexes. In reality, unsulphonated

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mono- or disubstituted by alkylaryl- or aralkyl radicals), sulphinic acid groups, carboxylic acid groups, carboxylic amide groups, cyano groups, hydroxy groups, alkoxy groups, mercapto groups, alkyl-mercapto groups, nitro groups, amino groups, or acylamino groups. These groups may be introduced into the cobalt phthalocyanine as usual, i.e. either subsequently to complex formation or in the course of preparing the complex by starting from phthalic acids, phthalonitriles or other phthalocyanine starting materials containing such substituents, e.g. 4-sulphophthalic acid, 4-methoxyphthalic acid, 4-nitro phthalic acid, or other hydrophilic substituted *o*-dicarboxylic acids or the functional derivatives thereof. As a matter of fact, besides such substituents as increase the hydrophilic property, the cobalt phthalocyanines may also contain substituents which exert the contrary effect, provided however, that there are sufficient hydrophilic substituents in order to accomplish at least a higher hydrophilic character than in the case of unsubstituted cobalt phthalocyanine. All these substitution products have generally better vatting properties than the unsubstituted cobalt phthalocyanine itself. This is true with the reservation that the number of hydrophilic groups must not be so high as to render the products easily soluble in water as otherwise the affinity for the fibre of the vatted product will be impaired.

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ing the cobalt phthalocyanine synthesis from a preponderant amount of phthalic acid in admixture with a small amount of hydrophilic substituted phthalic acids.

5 Another possibility of preparing such dyestuff mixtures consists in subsequently introducing small amounts of hydrophilic substituents into the phthalocyanine molecule, e.g. by sulphonation.

10 Among the various combinations of cobalt phthalocyanines with hydrophilic groups and such without hydrophilic groups as described in the foregoing paragraph, mixtures of the unsubstituted

15 cobalt phthalocyanine with low sulphonated cobalt phthalocyanines are of the greatest importance. In the preparation of such cobalt phthalocyanine sul-

phonic acids care must be taken that, as far as possible, only monosulphonic acids will be obtained. Such mixtures may be

20 prepared either by cautiously sulphonating cobalt phthalocyanine or by starting the phthalocyanine synthesis from a mixture of smaller amounts of sulphophthalic

25 acid with larger amounts of phthalic acid. Mixtures thus obtained may be blended with unsulphonated cobalt phthalocyanine

30 so as to exhibit the desired degree of solubility. The best results are obtained from combinations of sulphonated cobalt

phthalocyanine and unsulphonated cobalt phthalocyanine in which the cobalt

35 phthalocyanine sulphonic acids are present in an amount of 15—40% by weight (calculated as monosulphonic acid).

In these mixtures, sulphonic acid groups can be replaced with a similar effect by alkylamino groups.

40 Cobalt phthalocyanine and the various hydrophilic substitution products mentioned above as well as the combinations described in the foregoing will dye cellulose

45 fibres according to the methods usually applied to vat dyestuffs. In general, the best affinity is reached when dyeing from the hot vat. Many cobalt

phthalocyanines are capable of being vatted even in a weakly alkaline medium,

50 for instance, in the presence of ammonia and, therefore, may also be used for dyeing animal fibres from the vat.

The following examples illustrate the invention without being restricted thereto, the parts and percentages being by

60 weight. Examples A—C describe various dyeing processes whereas Examples 1—22 refer to the preparation of various dyestuffs to be used for such dyeing processes.

EXAMPLE A.

Describes the vat dyeing with cobalt phthalocyanine vat dyestuffs on cotton:—

100 parts of a cobalt phthalocyanine paste (corresponding to 1 part of the 100% dyestuff) are added to 650 parts of water and 9.5 parts of concentrated caustic soda solution (38° Bé) of 50° C. 44 parts of sodium hydrosulphite solution (1:10 dissolved in water) are caused to react with the above mixture for 15 minutes at 50° C. 208 parts of Glauber's salt solution (1:10 dissolved in water) are then added and 50 parts of cotton are dyed in the usual manner at 50° C. for one hour. After lifting the cotton is squeezed off and hung in the air for 10 minutes; it is rinsed in cold water, the dyeing is treated with dilute sulphuric acid (3.7 parts per 1000 parts of water) and it is rinsed once more with water. The dyeing is then washed at the boil with Marseilles soap (2 parts per 1000 parts of water), rinsed and dried. Full, blue to green, olive-green or grey shades are obtained.

EXAMPLE B.

4.1 parts of caustic soda solution of 38° Bé, 20 parts of a paste of a cobalt phthalocyanine 1:100 (corresponding to 0.2 part) and 8.8 parts of a sodium hydrosulphite solution (1 part dissolved per 10 parts of water) are added to 170 parts of water of 60° C. After 15 minutes 10 parts of cotton are dyed therein in the usual manner and, after hanging in the air, it is aftertreated as described in Example A. This process can be modified by increasing the quantity of caustic soda solution by 6.15 parts and by adding 42 parts of Glauber's salt solution (1 part per 10 parts of water).

EXAMPLE C.

Describes the process of a vat dyeing on wool:—

0.2 part of a cobalt phthalocyanine capable of being easily vatted (for instance the dyestuff obtained according to Example 22) is vatted by means of 1.8 parts of concentrated ammonia (25%) and 0.75 part of sodium hydrosulphite in 120 parts of water at about 75° C. The vat is then filled up to 500 parts by adding water. 10 parts of wool are dyed in this liquor in the usual manner at 51—52° C. for 1 hour. After lifting and wringing out the wool is hung in the air for 20 minutes, rinsed with water and treated with dilute acetic acid (5.5 parts of glacial acetic acid per 1000 parts of water), rinsed and dried. Dyeings of good fastness properties are obtained.

EXAMPLE 1.

Describes the preparation of a mixture capable of being easily vatted of a cobalt phthalocyanine sulphonic acid with cobalt phthalocyanine:—

with good vatting properties from cobalt phthalocyanine and phosgene:—

- 10 parts of cobalt phthalocyanine are added at 120—130° C. to 100 parts of a mixture of aluminium chloride and sodium chloride (7:1). Phosgene is introduced at 150—155° C. As soon as a sample of the mix is capable of being readily vatted but not yet soluble in dilute caustic soda solution or only slightly soluble, the reaction is stopped and the dyestuff is isolated as usual. The dyestuff may either be used directly for vat dyeing or, after drying and pasting from sulphuric acid, in the presence of the same amount of cobalt phthalocyanine. In the latter case, somewhat redder and fuller shades are obtained.

EXAMPLE 7.

- 20 A mixture of:—
5.55 parts of phthalic acid anhydride
0.53 „ of trimellitic acid
1.87 „ of cobalt sulphate (83%)
1.177 „ of ammonium chloride
25 14.5 „ of urea, and
0.17 part of ammonium molybdate
is gradually added to 16.8 parts of nitrobenzene of 180° C. The melt is further heated at 180° C. for 6 hours while stirring. The dyestuff is recovered and purified as described in Example 2. The dyestuff thus obtained dyes cotton from an olive-coloured vat full, clear, blue shades of good fastness to water and excellent fastness to light.

EXAMPLE 8.

- Describes the preparation of a dyestuff with good vatting properties from cobalt phthalocyanine and phthalic anhydride.
40 A mixture of:—
1 part of cobalt phthalocyanine
2 „ of anhydrous aluminium chloride, and
10 „ of phthalic anhydride
45 is heated up to 210° C. for about 45 minutes until the reaction product exhibits good vatting properties.
The working up of the mixture can be performed either in an acid or in an alkaline medium. The dyestuff dyes cotton from the vat full, greenish-blue shades.

EXAMPLE 9.

- A mixture of:—
55 8.5 parts of 4-bromophthalic anhydride
3.05 „ of phthalimide - 4 - sulphomethylamide
2.35 „ of cobalt sulphate (83%)
1.25 „ of ammonium chloride
60 12.00 „ of urea, and
0.2 part of ammonium molybdate
is gradually added while stirring to 22 parts of trichlorobenzene of 180° C. and

the melt is further heated at 180° C. for about 6 hours.

On proceeding as described in Example 2 a cobalt phthalocyanine is obtained which after pasting dyes cotton from an olive-coloured vat full, greenish shades.

EXAMPLE 10.

On proceeding according to Example 3, replacing, however, 2.26 parts of phthalimide-4-sulphamide by an equivalent amount of 4-nitrophthalic acid there is obtained a dyestuff which dyes cotton from the vat full, greenish-blue shades of good fastness to water and very good fastness to light.

EXAMPLE 11.

- A mixture of:—
16.9 parts of 4-nitrophthalic acid
3.1 „ of cobalt sulphate (83%)
2.35 „ of ammonium chloride
29.0 „ of urea, and
0.35 part of ammonium molybdate
85 is gradually added while stirring to 42.5 parts of trichlorobenzene at 180° C. and the melt is further heated at 180° C. for 6—7 hours.

On proceeding as described in Example 2 there is obtained 4,4',4'',4'''-tetranitro-cobalt phthalocyanine in a good yield which dyes cotton from a yellow-coloured vat very full-olive-green shades, the nitro groups being converted thereby into amino groups. The dyeings which are distinguished by very good fastness to light can be diazotized on the fibre and can be reacted in the usual way with coupling components, very full, olive-green to dark green dyeings of very good fastness to light and excellent fastness to water being obtained thereby.

EXAMPLE 12.

- A mixture of:—
105 6.00 parts of 4-acetylamino-phthalic acid
1.26 „ of cobalt sulphate (83%)
0.78 „ of ammonium chloride
9.8 „ of urea, and
110 0.11 part of ammonium molybdate
is gradually added while stirring to 21.6 parts of nitrobenzene at 180° C. and the melt is further heated while stirring at 180° C. for 6 hours. On proceeding as described in Example 2 a cobalt phthalocyanine is obtained which, after pasting, dyes cotton from an olive-green coloured vat bluish-green shades of excellent fastness to light.

EXAMPLE 13.

- A mixture of:—
7.36 parts of 4-methoxyphthalic acid
1.87 „ of cobalt sulphate (83%)
1.17 „ of ammonium chloride
125 0.17 part of ammonium molybdate and
14.5 parts of urea

1.6 parts of cobalt phthalocyanine are gradually added while stirring into 20 parts of 10% fuming sulphuric acid at room temperature. The green solution thus obtained is heated for about 4 hours at 35—38° C. until a sample which has been washed neutral with water begins to dissolve on heating with pyridine water. This degree of sulphonation is reached when about 2.7—2.9% of sulphur have entered the molecule of the cobalt phthalocyanine. When this point is reached sulphonation is stopped and the solution is diluted below 40° C. with 36 parts of sulphuric acid of 66° Bé. When the solution shows only a small amount of free SO₃, 2.4 parts of cobalt phthalocyanine are added below 25° C. and, as soon as dissolution is completed, the whole is stirred into about 400 parts of ice water. The precipitated dyestuff is filtered off and washed with hot water. The product dyes cotton from an olive coloured vat full, clear greenish-blue shades which are distinguished by excellent fastness to light. A vat dyestuff of equal dyeing properties is obtained by heating 20 parts of cobalt phthalocyanine in 150 parts of 10% fuming sulphuric acid at 45—48° C. for 2—3 hours until a sample which has been washed neutral with water can easily be vatted with sodium hydrosulphite and dilute caustic soda solution. If this is not the case, further 10—20 parts of 20% fuming sulphuric acid have to be added. The dyestuff is precipitated by stirring the solution into ice water and washing the precipitate with hot water.

EXAMPLE 2.

Describes the preparation of a cobalt phthalocyanine with good vatting properties from phthalic acid anhydride and sodium 4-sulphophthalate.

A mixture of:—

10.36 parts of phthalic acid anhydride
2.86 „ of sodium 4-sulphophthalate
3.74 „ of cobalt sulphate (83%)
2.34 „ of ammonium chloride
29.00 „ of urea and
0.34 „ of ammonium molybdate

is gradually added to 24 parts of nitrobenzene at 180° C. and the melt is further heated at 180° C. for about 6 hours. About 60 parts of volume of methanol are stirred into the melt while hot. The dyestuff thus obtained is filtered off by suction and washed with methanol. By boiling with dilute hydrochloric acid, filtering off by suction and washing with water the impurities are removed from the dyestuff. After drying about 19.8 parts of a cobalt phthalocyanine are obtained which, after redissolving from sulphuric acid mono-

hydrate, dyes cotton from an olive coloured vat full, clear, blue shades of excellent fastness to light.

EXAMPLE 3.

A mixture of:—

4.44 parts of phthalic acid anhydride
2.26 „ of phthalimide-4-sulphamide
1.55 „ of cobalt sulphate (83%)
1.18 „ of ammonium chloride
14.5 „ of urea and
0.18 part of ammonium molybdate
is gradually added to 21.2 parts of trichlorobenzene and the melt is further heated at 180° C. for 5—6 hours. On proceeding as described in Example 2 a cobalt phthalocyanine with good vatting properties is obtained which dyes cotton full, very clear, blue shades of excellent fastness to light. The colour of the vat is olive.

EXAMPLE 4.

A mixture of:—

11.1 parts of phthalic acid anhydride
6.1 „ of phthalimide-4-sulphomethylamide
4.7 „ of cobalt sulphate (83%)
2.5 „ of ammonium chloride
24.0 „ of urea, and
0.4 part of ammonium molybdate
is gradually added to 44 parts of trichlorobenzene of 180° C. and the melt is further heated at 180° C. for about 6 hours. On proceeding as described in Example 2 a cobalt phthalocyanine is obtained which after pasting from a mixture of sulphuric acid monohydrate and chlorosulphonic acid (5:1), dyes cotton from a yellow-olive coloured vat full, blue shades of good fastness to water and excellent fastness to light.

EXAMPLE 5

A mixture of:—

8.88 parts of phthalic acid anhydride
5.08 „ of phthalic acid-4-sulphodimethylamide
3.74 „ of cobalt sulphate (83%)
2.34 „ of ammonium chloride
29.00 „ of urea, and
0.34 part of ammonium molybdate
is gradually added to 24 parts of nitrobenzene of 180° C. and the melt is further heated at 180° C. for about 6 hours.

On proceeding as described in Example 2 a cobalt phthalocyanine is obtained which, after pasting from a mixture of sulphuric acid monohydrate and chlorosulphonic acid (5:1), dyes cotton from a yellow-olive coloured vat full, greenish-blue shades of excellent fastness to light and good fastness to water.

EXAMPLE 6.

Describes the preparation of a dyestuff

is gradually added while stirring to 22 parts of trichlorobenzene at 180° C. Thereupon, the dyestuff is recovered and purified as described in Example 2.

5 4,4',4'',4'''-tetramethoxy cobalt phthalocyanine thus obtained dyes cotton from a yellow-olive coloured vat full, clear turquoise blue shades of excellent fastness to light and very good fastness to water.

10 EXAMPLE 14.

Describes the preparation of a dyestuff with good vatting properties from cobalt phthalocyanine and sulphur chloride.

Starting at 50° C., 4 parts of cobalt phthalocyanine are added to a mixture of 15 12 parts of anhydrous aluminium chloride and 24 parts of sulphur chloride, the temperature being raised thereby to 60° C. The temperature is kept at 60° C. until a 20 sample treated with sodium hydrosulphite and dilute caustic soda solution yields a clear, olive-brown vat, this stage being achieved after about 3 hours. The greenish-blue, vat dyestuff can be separated, 25 for instance, by introducing the reaction mixture into dilute hydrochloric acid. The dyestuff is filtered off by suction and washed with water.

For further purification the paste of the 30 crude dyestuff is extracted with sodium sulphide solution, a small amount of a greenish-blue dyestuff being dissolved thereby besides sulphur. The insoluble blue dyestuff is filtered off, washed with 35 water and dried, and can be used directly for dyeing from the vat.

EXAMPLE 15.

A mixture of:—

40 13.32 parts of phthalic anhydride
6.33 „ of 4-nitrophthalic acid
5.6 „ of cobalt sulphate (83%)
3.51 „ of ammonium chloride
43.5 „ of urea, and
0.51 part of ammonium molybdate
45 is added while stirring to 52.5 parts of nitrobenzene at 180° C. and the whole is further heated while stirring at 180° C. for 5—6 hours. On proceeding as described in Example 2, 4-mononitro cobalt phtha-
50 locyanine is obtained which, in the usual way, is converted on reduction with sodium sulphide into 4-monamino cobalt phthalocyanine and, at last, into 4-mercapto cobalt phthalocyanine by diazo-
55 tizing and treating the diazonium compound with potassium thiocyanate and saponifying. 4 - monomercapto cobalt phthalocyanine dyes cotton from a yellow-olive coloured vat full, green to blue
60 shades of excellent fastness to light.

EXAMPLE 16.

On proceeding according to Example 15 starting, however, from 8.88 parts of

phthalic anhydride and 12.66 parts of 4-nitrophthalic acid, 4,4'-dimercaptocobalt 65 phthalocyanine is obtained which dyes cotton from the vat full, blue to green shades.

EXAMPLE 17.

On proceeding according to Example 15 70 starting, however, from 4.44 parts of phthalic anhydride and 18.99 parts of 4-nitrophthalic acid, 4,4',4''-trimercapto cobalt phthalocyanine is obtained which 75 dyes cotton from a yellow-olive coloured vat bright, full, bluish-green shades of excellent fastness to light.

EXAMPLE 18.

On proceeding according to Example 15 leaving out, however, phthalic anhydride 80 and using 25.32 parts of 4-nitrophthalic acid, 4,4',4'',4'''-tetranitrocobalt phthalocyanine is obtained. 4,4',4'',4'''-tetra-mercaptocobalt phthalocyanine obtain- 85 able therefrom dyes cotton from an olive coloured vat greyish-green shades which, on after-treating with bichromate in acetic acid, turn fully grey, the fastness to water being very good.

EXAMPLE 19.

A mixture of:—

4.84 parts of diphenyl-3,4-dicarboxylic 90 acid
4.80 „ of phthalimide-4-sulpho-
methyllamide 95
1.84 „ of cobalt sulphate (83%)
0.98 part of ammonium chloride
9.44 parts of urea, and
0.16 part of ammonium molybdate
is introduced while stirring into 17.6 parts 100 of trichlorobenzene at 180° C. and the dyestuff is recovered and purified as described in Example 2. The cobalt dyestuff thus obtained dyes, after pasting from ethyl sulphuric acid, cotton from a 105 yellow-olive coloured vat full, greenish-blue shades.

EXAMPLE 20.

A mixture of:—

3.68 parts of 4-methoxyphthalic acid 110
4.84 „ of diphenyl - 3,4 - dicar-
boxylic acid
1.87 „ of cobalt sulphate (83%)
1.17 „ of ammonium chloride
14.5 „ of urea, and 115
0.17 part of ammonium molybdate
is introduced while stirring into 22 parts of trichlorobenzene at 180° C. and the melt is further heated while stirring at 180° C. for 5—6 hours. On proceeding as 120 described in Example 2 a cobalt phthalocyanine is obtained which, after pasting from ethyl sulphuric acid, dyes cotton from a yellow-olive coloured vat clear, full, greenish-blue shades of good fastness 125 to water and excellent fastness to light.

EXAMPLE 21.

A mixture of:—
 49.0 parts of benzophenone
 4.53 .. of anthraquinone-2'-car-
 5 bonyl - 4' - amino-3,4-di-
 cyanodiphenyl (prepared
 from 4'-amino-3,4-di-
 cyanodiphenyl and anthra-
 10 quinone-2-carboxylic acid
 chloride)
 3.84 .. of phthalodinitrile, and
 1.62 .. of dehydrated cobalt
 chloride
 is heated after adding a small amount of
 15 pyridine at 240—245° C. for about 3—4
 hours. After cooling down to about
 80—90° C. the melt is diluted with 84
 parts of methanol and the separated dye-
 20 stuff is filtered off by suction. By wash-
 ing with methanol, boiling with dilute
 hydrochloric acid and boiling with *o*-di-
 chlorobenzene the dyestuff is obtained in
 a pure state. The dyestuff dyes cotton
 25 from a yellow-brown coloured vat clear
 blue-green shades of good fastness to
 water.

EXAMPLE 22.

Describes the preparation of a dyestuff
 especially suitable for wool vat dyeing.

A mixture of:—

22 parts of urea 30
 18 .. of condensation product of
 4-aminophthalimide and
 the chloride of trimethyl-
 amino acetic chloride 35
 2.8 .. of cobalt sulphate (83%)
 1.8 .. of ammonium chloride
 0.25 part of ammonium molybdate
 and
 2.2 parts of benzamide 40
 is introduced at 180° C. into a stirring
 vessel and the melt is stirred at 180—185°
 C. for 2—3 hours. The melt being still
 in a warm condition is diluted with 440
 parts of water, acidified with hydrochloric 45
 acid and the dyestuff thus obtained is
 salted out by adding 1060 parts of
 common salt solution. The dyestuff can
 be purified by dissolving once more in
 dilute hydrochloric acid and salting out 50
 with common salt and is soluble in dilute
 mineral acids with a bluish-green colour.

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 hydroxyethylthioether, is capable of use
 as a vat dye and, on dyeing from the vat
 yields essentially clearer shades than the
 iron complex. The property of vatting 95
 and yielding clear valuable dyeings on
 textiles from the vat is not restricted to
 the unsubstituted cobalt phthalocyanine.
 According to the present invention, the
 above properties to a larger extent are met 100
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 perty of which has been increased by sub-
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 groups or acylamino groups. The produc- 115
 tion of some of these substituted cobalt

phthalocyanine dyestuffs is described and claimed in co-pending Application No. 13341/52 (Serial No. 704,310). All these substitution products have generally better vatting properties than the unsubstituted cobalt phthalocyanine itself. This is true with the reservation that the number of hydrophilic groups must not be so high as to render the products easily soluble in water as otherwise the affinity for the fibre of the vatted product will be impaired.

The present invention also comprises the application of cobalt phthalocyanines with increased hydrophilic properties in admixture with the unsubstituted cobalt phthalocyanine or with cobalt phthalocyanines containing other substituents. It has been found that even small amounts of hydrophilic cobalt phthalocyanines will do to convert larger amounts of non-hydrophilic cobalt phthalocyanines with poor vatting properties into a state in which they exhibit excellent vatting properties.

Among the various combinations of cobalt phthalocyanines with hydrophilic groups and such without hydrophilic groups as described in the foregoing paragraph, mixtures of the unsubstituted cobalt phthalocyanine with low sulphonated cobalt phthalocyanines are of the greatest importance. The preparation of such cobalt phthalocyanine sulphonic acids is described in co-pending Application No. 13341/52 (Serial No. 704,310). The best results are obtained from combinations of sulphonated cobalt phthalocyanine and unsulphonated cobalt phthalocyanine in which the cobalt phthalocyanine sulphonic acids are present in an amount of 15—40% by weight (calculated as monosulphonic acid).

In these mixtures, sulphonic acid groups can be replaced with a similar effect by alkylamino groups.

Cobalt phthalocyanine and the various hydrophilic substitution products mentioned above as well as the combinations described in the foregoing will dye cellulose fibres according to the methods usually applied to vat dyestuffs. In general, the best affinity is reached when dyeing from the hot vat. Many cobalt phthalocyanines are capable of being vatted even in a weakly alkaline medium, for instance, in the presence of ammonia and, therefore, may also be used for dyeing animal fibres from the vat.

The following examples illustrate the invention without being restricted thereto, the parts and percentages being by weight.

The cobalt phthalocyanine dyestuffs referred to in these examples may be

obtained according to Examples 1—5, 7, 10—13, 15—18 and 22 of the accompanying provisional specification.

EXAMPLE A.

Describes the vat dyeing with cobalt phthalocyanine vat dyestuffs on cotton:—

100 parts of a paste of a cobalt phthalocyanine dye stuff (corresponding to 1 part of the 100% dyestuff) are added to 650 parts of water and 9.5 parts of concentrated caustic soda solution (38° Be) of 50° C. 44 parts of sodium hydrosulphite solution (1:10 dissolved in water) are caused to react with the above mixture for 15 minutes at 50° C. 208 parts of Glauber's salt solution (1:10 dissolved in water) are then added and 50 parts of cotton are dyed in the usual manner at 50° C. for one hour. After lifting the cotton is squeezed off and hung in the air for 10 minutes; it is rinsed in cold water, the dyeing is treated with dilute sulphuric acid (3.7 parts per 1000 parts of water) and it is rinsed once more with water. The dyeing is then washed at the boil with Marseilles soap (2 parts per 1000 parts of water), rinsed and dried. Full, blue to green, olive-green or grey shades are obtained.

EXAMPLE B.

4.1 parts of caustic soda solution of 38° Be, 20 parts of a paste of a cobalt phthalocyanine 1:100 (corresponding to 0.2 part) and 8.8 parts of a sodium hydrosulphite solution (1 part dissolved per 10 parts of water) are added to 170 parts of water of 60° C. After 15 minutes 10 parts of cotton are dyed therein in the usual manner and, after hanging in the air, it is after treated as described in Example A. This process can be modified by increasing the quantity of caustic soda solution to 6.15 parts and by adding 42 parts of Glauber's salt solution (1 part per 10 parts of water).

EXAMPLE C.

Describes the process of a vat dying on wool.

0.2 part of a cobalt phthalocyanine capable of being easily vatted (for instance the dyestuff obtained according to Example 22 of the accompanying provisional specification) is vatted by means of 1.8 parts of concentrated ammonia (25%) and 0.75 part of sodium hydrosulphite in 120 parts of water at about 75° C. The vat is then filled up to 500 parts by adding water. 10 parts of wool are dyed in this liquor in the usual manner at 51—52° C. for 1 hour. After lifting and wringing out the wool is hung in the air for 20 minutes, rinsed with water and treated with dilute acetic acid (5.25 parts of glacial acetic acid per 1000 parts of

water), rinsed and dried. Dyeings of good fasteness properties are obtained.

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of the said invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, we declare that what we claim is:—

1. A process for the manufacture and production of vat dyeings which consists in treating the material to be dyed in an alkaline vat with a vat dyestuff comprising cobalt phthalocyanine or its sulphonic acid, sulphonamide, sulphinic acid, carboxylic acid, carboxylic amide, cyano, hydroxy, alkoxy, mercapto, alkylmercapto, nitro, amino, alkylamino and acylamino substitution products, water and a water-soluble reducing agent.

2. A process, as claimed in claim 1 in which the vat dyestuff comprises a mixture of a hydrophilic substituted cobalt phthalocyanine and cobalt phthalocyanine or a non-hydrophilic substituted cobalt phthalocyanine.

3. A process for the manufacture and production of vat dyeings which consists in treating the material to be dyed in an alkaline vat with a vat dyestuff comprising a mixture of cobalt phthalocyanine sulphonic acids with substituted or unsubstituted cobalt phthalocyanines containing about from 15 to 40 per cent by weight of cobalt phthalocyanine sulphonic acids calculated as monosulphonic acid, water and a water-soluble reducing agent.

4. The process for the manufacture and production of vat dyeings substantially as described in the Examples A—C.

5. Materials dyed in the vat when obtained according to the process as claimed in claims 1—4.

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